I'm a truck driver and not always do the local stations have traffic and weather. It is nice to be able to find out the traffic from 50 to 100 miles away especially when you are over sized .you need to know what the roads are like so you do not get tide up in a mess especially when you are 14ft ft or more wide. You can not move or if you can its very well so why not be able to find out before you get into trouble by listing to xm and find a good rout to stay out of traffic and trouble